

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT, ELECTIONS, AND ETHICS

326 House Office Building

Wednesday 9:30 A.M.

May 24, 2006

Representative Ward, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to approve the minutes of the **May 10, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid **HB 5965** before the committee.

HB 5965 Ball Elections; recall; recall petitions and procedures; revise.

Representative Ball, sponsor of **HB 5965**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **support of HB 5965**.

Tom Frazier, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **support of HB 5965**.

Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of County Clerks, submitted a testimony card indicating **support for HB 5965** but did not wish to speak.

The Chair proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Robert LaBrant**, Senior Vice President of Political Affairs and General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. Mr. LaBrant gave an overview of the History of Michigan Redistricting.* Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair returned to the consideration of **HB 5965**.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt the following amendments to **HB 5965**.

1. Amend page 2, line 21, after **“OF”** by striking out **“\$25.00”** and inserting **“\$50.00”**.

2. Amend page 2, line 22, after “**PETITION.**” by inserting “**THE RECALL PETITION FILING FEE FILED WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE PAID BY THAT BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN ITS PROPORTIONATE SHARE TO THE TREASURER OF EACH GOVERNMENTAL UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE RECALL ELECTION. IF THE RECALL PETITION FILING FEE IS TO BE PAID BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS TO A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT OTHER THAN THE COUNTY, THE BOARD OF COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS SHALL WITHHOLD 10% OF THE RECALL PETITION FILING FEE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.**”.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 5-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Ward offered the following amendments to **HB 5965**.

1. Amend page 3, line 27, after “for” by striking out “180” and inserting “**90**”
2. Amend page 4, line 2, after “the” by striking out “180-day” and inserting “**90-day**”

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt the amendments to **HB 5965**.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 5-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Ward offered the following amendment to **HB 5965**.

1. Amend page 4, line 9, by striking out “**AFFIXED TO**” and inserting “**PRINTED ON**”.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to adopt the amendment to **HB 5965**.

The motion prevailed by **a vote of 5-0-0.**

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

Representative Meisner moved, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, to adopt the following amendment to **HB 5965**.

1. Amend page 4, line 11, After “(1).” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**ANY SIGNATURE COLLECTED ON A RECALL PETITION THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (1) OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.**”.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 5965** as **substitute (H-1)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 5-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer, Gaffney, Meisner and Gillard,
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

HB 5965 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid **HB 6085** before the committee.

HB 6085	Ward	Traffic control; driver license; disclosure of citizenship on driver license; require.
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Representative Ward, sponsor of **HB 6085**, explained his bill to the committee.

Barry Cargill, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, testified in **support of HB 6085**.

Representative Steve Tobocman testified in **opposition to HB 6085**. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **opposition to HB 6085** and did not speak.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the ACLU of Michigan
Reverend Cecilio Reyna, representing himself
Reverend Fred Thelen, representing the Cristo Rey Church

Representative Elsenheimer moved, supported by **Representative Gaffney**, to report **HB 6085** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 3-2-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Ward, Elsenheimer and Gaffney,
Nays: Representatives Meisner and Gillard,
Pass: None.

HB 6085 reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, **the Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:15 a.m.**

Representative Ward, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
May 24, 2006
1 hour 45 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed material submitted.